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The final countdown

LASS professors finish final semester as full-time employees

Rebecca Rossi
News Editor

The college most affected by this year's budget cuts was liberal arts and social sciences. As the largest of seven colleges on campus, LASS requires the most sizable instructional staff and budget.

Enrollment decline was the main reason for the deficit, which was attributed to students entering the university after already completing general electives and also to the state's mandate that remedial education be taught solely at community colleges, explained Wes Lukoshus, assistant vice chancellor for advancement.

"The decrease is primarily among general education courses—many of which a growing number of entering freshmen are taking in high school as dual credit or advanced placement offerings. In response, LASS made more than \$1 million in reductions to its budget, mainly by reducing its staff of non-tenure continuous lecturers," said Lukoshus.

About a year ago, LASS and the other colleges were told by then Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Ralph Rogers that they had to cut their budgets. The College of LASS was told to specifically cut the instructional budget by 10-15 percent.

Combining and eliminating certain sections of courses, in addition to the possibility of cutting down the amount of limited-term, part-time contract professors did not make up for the at least 10 percent reduction in the LASS instructional budget.

According to Ron Corthell, dean of LASS, the only way to reach the budget target was to reduce the number of full-time staff.

"We couldn't get enough savings out of our limited-term stipend account, which amounts to about \$800,000. We needed about \$1.5 million. So we had to go into the real deal and start looking at full-time continuing faculty," said Corthell.

He continued, "If it was possible to staff some of these classes that were formerly taught by continuing lecturers with part-time faculty that make a lot less money, that was one way you were going to save money. That's what we had to do."

That is when 12 continuing lecturers from LASS were chosen by their department heads to not have their contracts renewed. Four more were going to have to be cut, but updated enrollment figures in August allowed the university to rescind those four letters of termination.

Department heads made decisions of who to cut, and they decided based on their departmental needs.

"What do those faculty teach in their department? What other services do they perform that are not easily replaceable and, basically—who are the more—who have the jobs that are more difficult to replace?" said Corthell.

Philosophy lecturer Neil Florek's contract was not renewed. He encouraged students to be more aware of their surroundings on campus, as there are reasons as to why change occurs.

Achievements made by continuing lecturers

- Neil Florek, philosophy lecturer, mentored student participants in the Clement S. Stacy Memorial Undergraduate Research Conference
- Valentino Matines, history and political science lecturer, was a former US diplomat and presented perspectives on the Syrian Civil War.
- Corya Channing, Purdue Theatre Director, formed a student advisory group

"When you notice that your class sizes are larger and you are not getting as much personal attention from overworked instructors, when you are frustrated because there are not enough courses offered for you to efficiently attain your degree, when you

realize that the very teacher who has inspired you take your studies more seriously is no longer present on the campus, realize that these are not random, inexplicable events or bolts from the blue, but the results of what someone else with power and authority has decided is best for the university," said Florek.

Florek has spent some of his time at PUC mentoring student participants in the Clement S. Stacy Memorial Undergraduate Research Conference, doing independent studies with students who needed a course not currently offered to graduate, and serving as a judge for the Sigrid Stark Literary Awards Writing Contest.

Additionally, he has served on the Philosophy Committee and helped to define the goals of the department and specify objectives for specific courses.

"My most rewarding moments have been when students finally understand a concept after great effort on everyone's part. Also, it is has been extremely rewarding to inspire students to take additional philosophy courses when they thought they would have no interest, and to inspire students to major or minor in philosophy."

Coming back as an adjunct is a last resort for Florek, as he said the pay is not a "living wage."

"My plans are to find a university or college where the upper administration truly values its teachers as its number one resource and to continue my 'second career' as a musician and songwriter," Florek said.

Valentino Martinez, continuing lecturer in history and political science, is another LASS staff member whose contract was not renewed. The former U.S. diplomat wanted to use this opportunity to thank the many students, alumni, faculty and staff that started a campaign to save his job last semester.

"I would like to thank everybody who stood up for my job when, A, they didn't have to and, B, I didn't ask anybody to. And it just happened spontaneously in some way, shape or form. And I simply have to thank people that I'll never know who they are ... I have to be honest, I was quite overtaken by it. I've had a life that's had a lot of ups and downs, and I've seen a lot of things in this world, and I mean a lot. It takes a lot to affect me personally. And I have to say honestly, the amounts of support on my behalf, that I didn't ask for, is really quite something, and it's hard to express my thanks but I am thankful and I'm very grateful," Martinez said.

Junior criminal justice major Kristin Opperman participated in the campaign, along with some of her classmates from her law and society class.

photo illustration: Jacob Yothmen



"We did a petition for Professor Martinez. I'm not sure if it saved him or not but that's what we did. Someone came around passing out flyers, saying to sign this petition and email the dean about a paragraph or two saying what a good teacher he was, and that he shouldn't get cut," said Opperman.

Megan Fry, senior organizational communication major, was unaware of much of what was going on with instructional budget cuts.

"I knew that there were teachers that were leaving, that a lot of the teachers were taking over classes that they didn't want to teach any more, like the tenured teachers. But that's all I knew about it," Fry said.

Purdue Theatre Company director Corya Channing is among those whose contract was not renewed. While teaching at PUC since 1993, Corya has helped the theater become more student-populated, as it used to be mostly community actors participating. Recently, she helped form a student advisory group in order to keep students involved in theater long after they finish participating in a play. Similar to a campus organization, the group plans events and can go on trips. They are currently planning a movie musical series.

The theater company was formed in 1964 and will soon celebrate its 50th year on campus.

"I am actually the, like, fourth director that's been directing plays in that history so I feel that I have a great responsibility to keep that organization going," said Channing.

She will be coming back as a limited-term lecturer next semester, teaching the one online course she was offered to teach: theater appreciation. It is unknown if she will be asked to return as the theater director.

"It has been said to me by the department head, Dr. Roach, that he likes my ideas for the celebration year that we have planned, but whether I'll be directing that production I don't know," Channing said.

Her future plans involve the Gary Shakespeare Company, which she helped form. Last summer, they put on a production of "King Lear" that featured a professional costumer and fight choreographer from Chicago.

Continuing lecturer of English Janine Harrison has taught at PUC for 21 years. Keeping busy, Harrison served as the faculty advisor for the First Friday Wordsmiths for six years, and she has been PUC's Writing Center Coordinator for three and a half years.

In addition to her work with the Wordsmiths, she also established two 400-level creative writing courses, Short Fiction Writing and Creative Nonfiction Writing. Each year, she judged the creative categories in the Stark-Tinkham Writing Contest and was instrumental in planning its 40th anniversary celebration held this September. Her best memories are closely tied to her experiences with the First Friday Wordsmiths and the Writing Center.

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UPDATES FROM... HOUSING AND RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION

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- Halloween Door Decorating Contest
- Toy and Food Drives
- Ping-Pong Tournament
- Respect Yourself, Express Yourself
- Just Dance Competition
- Hall Olympics
- Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

As we look forward to the spring semester, we anticipate many more activities, but also it will be time for all Purdue Calumet students to make their choice to live at University Village next year.

In February we will have our Priority Placement process during which our current residents can sign up for their spaces in University Village next fall. Then, we will open the process to all other Purdue Calumet students before we sign up new students. We encourage you to apply early as we anticipate space being tight next year.

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Upcoming Campus Events

Concur Traveler Training Class

Location: Powers, 204

Posted by Michelle A. Gilhooly

•Dec. 3, 9 am to 11:30 am

All Faculty & Staff, who will be traveling on University Business, and have not yet attended a Concur Traveler training session, **MUST** sign up to learn how to use the Concur Travel and Expense system.

Free Caramel Apples & Co-Curricular Transcript Tabling

Location: SUL Concourse

Posted by: Student Activities

•Dec. 3, 11 am to 2 pm

InterVarsity Prayer Meeting

Location: SUL 305

Posted by Student Activities

•Dec. 3, 11 am to 12 pm

How-To Workshop: Video Editing

Location: Calumet Falls, SUL

Posted by: Student Activities

•Dec. 4, 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm

Personnel Action (PA) forms Training

Location: SAB, G-90

Posted by: Staff Training - Human Resources Department

•Dec. 5, 9 am to 10:30 am

This workshop will focus on providing training in preparing Personnel Action (PA) forms.

London Calling

Study Abroad 2014

Location: CLO, 154

Posted by: Kathryn Hejmej

•Dec. 5, 5 pm to 6:30 pm

Get answers to your questions on Travel Details, Passport information, Cost, Curriculum, Site Visits Information Session.

Ariba & Concur Support Lab

Location: SAB, Room 090

Posted by: Michelle A. Gilhooly

•Dec. 6, 9 am to 11 am

Support labs will take place in the Schneider Avenue Building room SAB 090. Enter from the Osborn Street side and take the stairs down one level. The Ariba Support lab is open to anyone who has already attended the Ariba Requisitioner training class, and needs assistance searching the e-catalogs or needs help creating/submitting a purchase requisition. The Concur Support lab is open to anyone who has already attended the Concur Traveler training class, and needs assistance creating/submitting a Travel Request or Expense Report in Concur. Visit anytime during open lab hours and individual assistance will be available.

Last Day for Thesis and Dissertation Deposit

Posted by: Anne Agosto-Severa

•Dec. 6

Last day for thesis deposit to West Lafayette.

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Give Nintendo a chance



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Since both of their announcements, people have been debating left and right on whether the Playstation 4 or Xbox One proves to be the superior console. Very rarely have people said that the Wii U will triumph over its competitors.

After factoring in cost, advancements and released games, I would say that the Wii U might just have the other's beat.

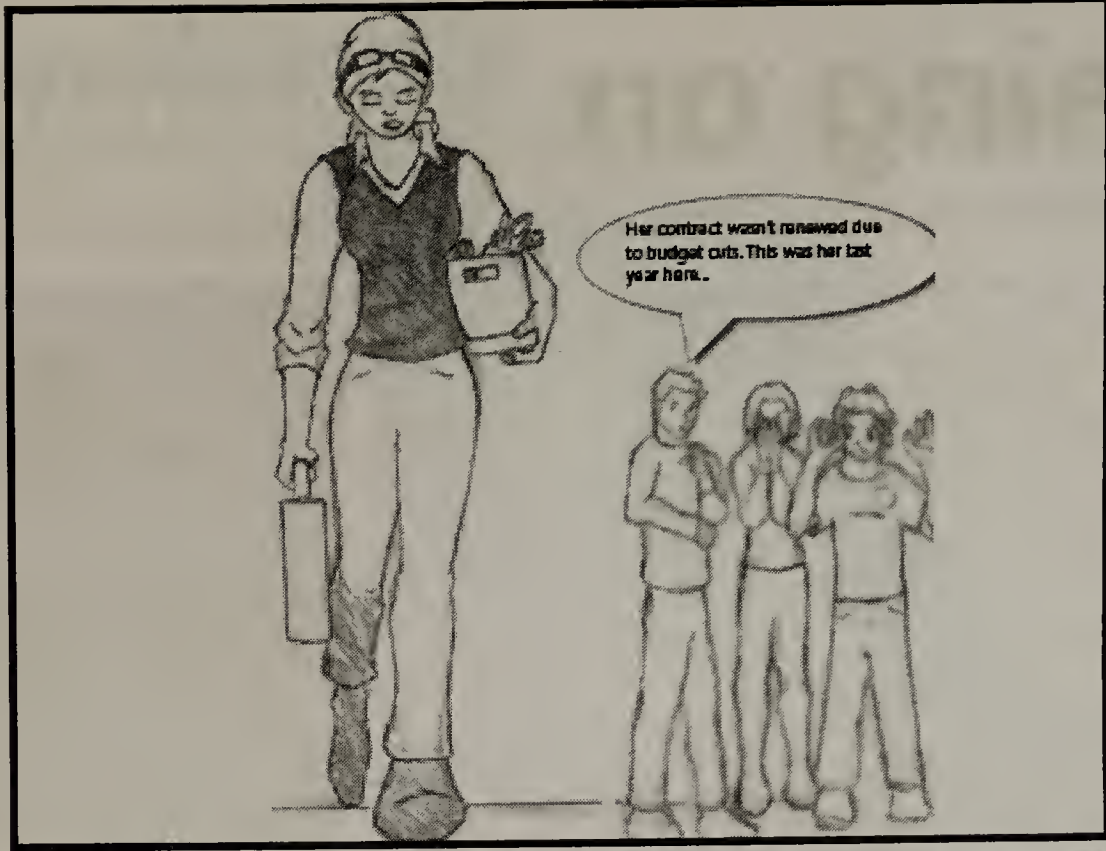
Before you start writing me hate mail, hear me out. A new Playstation 4 costs \$400, and a new Xbox One costs a whopping \$500. The Wii U costs only \$250. Neither the Playstation 4 or Xbox One are backwards compatible, meaning they cannot play games from previous versions of the systems. Not only can the Wii U play Wii games, but also the Wii U gamepad, which acts as a controller, can be used to play games and previous game data can be transferred to the system from SD cards. A growing problem with Wii was that many popular games did not release on the console. Hit games such "Assassin's Creed IV," "Batman: Arkham Origins" and "Darksiders II" have all been released on the Wii U. True, games such as "The Last of Us," the "Halo" series, "God of War," "Uncharted" and "Gears of War" only prove to be system exclusives that seem too good to pass up. However, Nintendo also has system exclusives including "Super Smash Bros.," "Super Mario Bros.," "The Legend of Zelda" and "Pokemon," which have all have new games announced for the Wii U.

Free online multiplayer stands as one of the biggest selling points for the Wii U. Also, many Xbox One and Playstation 4 exclusives prove to be pointless purchases if the owner does not have online multiplayer.

Advancements with the Nintendo 3DS also add to the Wii U's advancements. New titles such "Super Smash Bros. Wii U" take advantage of the 3DS by releasing the game for both systems and offering the option to play a match through both systems.

If console exclusives stand as the only reason for choosing one of these systems, than these facts probably will not change your mind. But, if your decision is based on price, backwards compatibility or multiplayer, than the facts show that the Wii U surpasses both competitors in all these areas.

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Not so fond farewell

After this semester ends, students and faculty will be biting their lips as 12 continuing lecturers leave for the last time on full-time terms (see "The final countdown" on page 1).

One lecturer, Purdue Theatre Company director Corya Channing brought many changes to the Purdue Theatre Company, which led to it becoming much more popular.

Sadly, Channing's chance for achievement at PUC will now come to an abrupt end as she has now been forced to walk away.

When looking over the lecturers who were forced to leave, it's hard not to ask why these

people were chosen over others. Also, it's easy to ask why some of these people were not in tenure-track positions.

The answer seems to be in the fact that the campus could not afford to bring on any more tenured professors and that the contracts that were cut were financially the best option.

Saying that an additional four contracts were going to be terminated, the university has made an attempt to keep damages to a minimum.

However, this all goes back to the idea that the university does not value student opinion in these matters. The opinions of student leaders should be taken

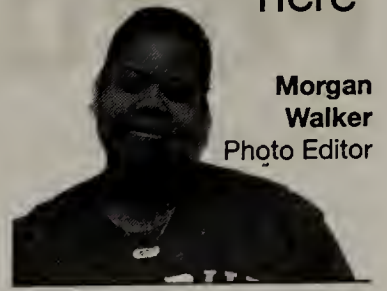
into account when discussing contract cuts.

When a large decision that affects a major population of students is made, students should be allowed to voice their opinions, and the university should listen.

Unfortunately, it does not seem that student opinion was taken into consideration as much as it should have been in this case, which has led to the termination of a number of beloved lecturers.

If PUC ever wants to reach the goal of becoming a destination university, which has been brought up on many occasions, then the administration needs to let students have a voice that can be heard.

Help is already here



Morgan Walker
Photo Editor

When I first arrived at PUC, I was just going through the motions. All I knew was this is a school, and I'm doing what I was encouraged to do. Go to school, be something that will bring you a lot of money in the future.

That's a great aspiration and all, but no one explained to me that it would take work, long hours and sleepless nights. My freshman year I started working for The Chronicle as a photographer and then moved up to photo editor. Then I joined the McNair Program and started the Purdue University Calumet Cultural Association. These experiences led me to receiving awards and working many other jobs on campus.

Now that I'm approaching graduation, I want to leave a last bit of advice for the students that are still here trying to work through the fog.

1. Join a student organization. If you have time, try to be an officer in that organization. It will look good after you leave here, shows you're a team player.

2. Yes, that class is boring, but still pay attention. Even though that class may be boring there is always something you can get out of it. Never just sit there and not pay attention to what the teacher is saying because that is a waste of your time, talent and money (whether it's yours or not).

3. If you don't get it ask questions. We don't come to college because we know everything; we are here because there's something we need to know. If the teacher didn't cover it or you don't completely understand raise your hand or send an email.

4. Get out of your comfort zone. If all you do is what you are used to that won't enrich you either. Do something different; go to a new restaurant, go see a movie in a theater all by yourself (I've done this; it's lovely), something you are not used to.

5. Start planning for after college, now. Most people do not have the luxury of walking across the stage and into a career. If you are one of those people that need a leg up, my advice is get as much experience on campus as you can, even in things that are unrelated. You will be surprised at what's usable beyond these walls. Thanks to my PUC experiences I will be teaching English in South Korea for a year. What you do now will count once you leave here, so make it the best experience you can;

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Focusing on Fulbright

Possible Fulbright chapter offers opportunities for students, faculty members

Jacob Yothment
Office Coordinator

By the spring semester, PUC may have a new Fulbright chapter available for both students and faculty.

Stating in 1946 and consisting of over 300,000 participants, the Fulbright Program serves as an international educational exchange program sponsored by the government designed to increase mutual understanding between U.S. citizens and citizens of foreign countries. Fulbright awards approximately 8,000 grants annually and operates in 155 countries. Fulbright also offers scholarships, which are given by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. The board consists of 12 educational and public leaders who are chosen by the current U.S. president, according to the Fulbright Fact Sheet provided by the U.S. Department of State.

"The students can already apply for Fulbright; we already have that in place," Maria Luisa Garcia-Verdugo, interim executive director of international affairs, said. "What we want now is to have

faculty advisors and a faculty chapter."

In order to start a chapter, a Fulbright trainer must be brought in, and the university pays an annual fee of \$2,000.

"Any faculty member in the university will be able to apply for Fulbright and will have guidance and assistance in the process," Garcia-Verdugo said.

Currently several faculty members have applied for Fulbright programs, but have done so through other universities. On Nov. 26, Garcia-Verdugo and Chenn Qian Zhou, interim associate vice chancellor for innovation through visualization and simulation, sponsored a coffee hour where both faculty members and guests could share their international Fulbright experiences.

Colette Morrow, professor of English, has traveled to India, Bangladesh and Pakistan through Fulbright. She gave presentations at the National Institute of Science and Technology and Development Studies International Conference on Women in Science, contributed to policy recommendations for education institutions and

government offices charged with oversight of education and science in India and Africa and presented lectures on feminist theories to graduate students at Jawaralal Nehru University in New Delhi.

"For younger faculty members, aside from the personal growth, Fulbright places them in a community of scholars so they will have relationships that will benefit their career, their university and ultimately the students who take their classes," Garcia-Verdugo said.

Also a Fulbright Scholar, George Nnanna, professor of mechanical engineering, worked with the University of Lagos in Nigeria. His program's objective was to offer lecture series and graduate seminars on membrane, enhance students' competency on the potential for water re-use, provide opportunities to learn effective techniques for removing pollutants from wastewater, broaden exposure to wastewater treatment process and to establish linkage between the University of Lagos and Purdue University in addressing global water challenges.

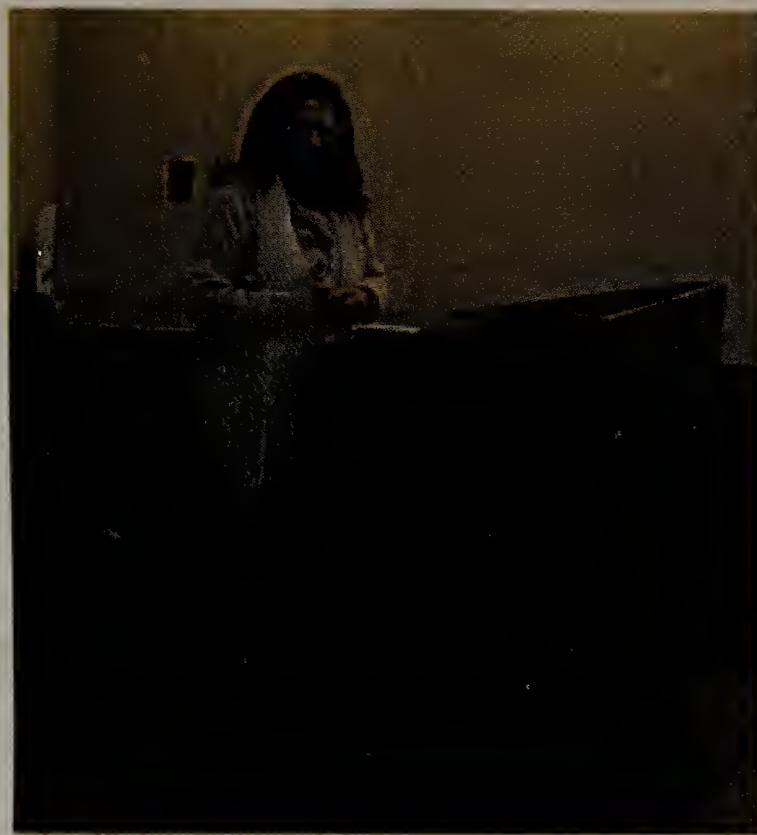


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Coming in as a special guest at the Fulbright seminar, Dr. Vasana discussed her Fulbright experiences in Pakistan.

"When students in mechanical engineering see a professor like Professor Nnanna is a Fulbright scholar, they will think that he will help them become a Fulbright scholar," Garcia Verdugo said. "As far as having Fulbright for the students, is the idea that

you not only have the ability to study abroad, but you can actually do research abroad. Any student who graduates from Purdue University Calumet that gets to be a Fulbright scholar is in a really good path for many years to come."

Library to close for carpet replacement

Aaron Shaps
Chronicle Correspondent

In December, PUC's library staff will bid a fond farewell to the carpet tile that was installed in 2010.

The library will be closed from Dec. 14 to Jan. 5 to accommodate the renovation. All virtual library services will remain available during the renovation period. Only the physical library will be closed. Access to online databases, catalogs and other computer-based services will not be affected.

Tammy Guerrero, director of learning and research services, said the carpet has been a problem for a long time.

Sections of the carpet protrude up from the floor and snag on objects, which is a problem in high foot traffic areas.

The library staff worries that the carpet might present a hazard to students, and

their concerns that someone might fall and be seriously injured prompted Guerrero to push for the replacement.

This means Guerrero and her staff have some work ahead of them. Everything needs to be removed from the library in order for the old carpet to be torn out and the new carpet to be installed. But Guerrero believes it will be worth it in the end, as the new carpet should be perfectly flat and is not expected to present the same challenges and potential dangers as the current carpet tiles.

Students will need to rely on computers elsewhere on campus during the closure.

Guerrero had acknowledged that this might be an inconvenience to some students, but said winter break is the best of a number of bad options in terms of scheduling for the carpet replacement.

"There really isn't a good time," she said.



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Drink up Illinois

Hammond considers funding College Bound through water revenue

Bianca Alvarez
Chronicle Correspondent

Mayor of Hammond Thomas McDermott discussed possible options for extending the College Bound scholarship program, which has been funded by casino revenue, during a public forum at Thomas Edison Elementary on Nov. 21.

The purpose of the program, which is two years away from its initial 10-year run, is to make education a priority, increase home ownership in Hammond and improve quality of life for everyone in the city, according to the program's website.

Scholarship recipients must have at least one parent who owns a home in Hammond and must attend college within Indiana, among other qualifying factors. The scholarship has had 109 recipients since 2006 and has increased to 535 recipients in 2013.

McDermott said relying solely on casino revenue is no longer a feasible option.

"What if, 10 years from now, gaming books aren't doing so well? What if Chicago has three or four casinos right on the other side of the state

line? What if instead of pulling \$30 million a year, we are only pulling \$10 million a year?" McDermott said.

The answer, said McDermott, seems to lie in water revenue. Hammond officials recently signed a 20-year contract to sell Illinois water at \$2.20 per 1,000 gallons. That is significantly higher than the \$0.55 the Indiana Regulation Commission currently allows Hammond to charge Indiana towns.

Hammond is the only town in Indiana that has exclusive rights to sell water to Illinois.

Using water revenue from Illinois would help fund Hammond's goal of extending the program for another 20 years.

McDermott is concerned that the program has operated without a backup plan, which further emphasizes the need for more funding options for the program.

"We jumped out of an airplane with just one parachute and as long as that parachute opens everything is great, but, as everyone knows, you usually have to have back up 'chutes ... We're operating without a backup now," McDermott said.



photo: Jacob Yothment
Hammond Mayor Tom McDermott Jr. spoke on behalf of College Bound and plans for the future of Hammond at a conference at Edison Elementary School on Nov. 21.

New academic probation policies raise concerns for Purdue's regional campuses

Aaron Shaps
Chronicle Correspondent

New standards for the Purdue University academic warning, probation and drop policies are slated to go into effect in Fall 2014, but some worry that the proposed changes may not be ideal for Purdue's regional campuses.

Earlier this year, the University Senate Educational Policy Committee at West Lafayette proposed changes to the current policy, which Professor David Pick, chair of the faculty senate at PUC, said are not without problems.

"The EPC proposal was a vast improvement over the

existing policy," Pick said, "which is too complicated and difficult to explain to students, and too easy for a student to game."

However, the committee made its proposal without consulting the Intercampus Faculty Council first. Two representatives from each of the Purdue campuses sit on the council, and, according to Pick, its members from the regional campuses were concerned about the effects the new policy could have on part-time students.

This concern stems from the differences among Purdue West Lafayette's number of part-time students and the

number of part-time students enrolled in Purdue's regional campuses.

Purdue West Lafayette has relatively few part-time students compared to full-time students, while the ratio is more balanced at the regional campuses.

PUC's Student Government President Adam Cooper agrees that a one-size-fits-all solution might not be best in situations such as this one.

"Personally," Cooper said, "I would like to see our campus have more control over our own affairs, because we know ourselves better than they know us."

The changes in question involve consideration of a student's cumulative GPA when reviewing the student's record for possible academic

warning, probation or drop action. In the committee's initial proposal, a student would be placed in warning or probation status when their cumulative GPA fell below 2.0.

But, as Pick explained, "This would be particularly problematic for a first semester student who signed up for a full load and failed a large number of courses due to life circumstances—work, family, illness, et cetera—but still wanted to work toward a degree."

According to Pick, the trouble for students is that "part-time enrollment would allow success in a limited number of courses, but may not contribute enough to the cumulative GPA to prevent being dropped after three semesters with a cumulative GPA less than 2.0." But there

is good news for part-time students who might be affected.

"It took some convincing for the EPC to accept that there was a problem for part-time students," Pick said, "but they have embraced the concerns expressed by the IFC and modified their proposal to the current state."

According to the revised proposal, in the first semester a student has both a cumulative and current GPA of less than 2.0, the student will be placed on academic probation.

After the second semester with both a cumulative and current GPA lower than 2.0, the student will be dropped from the university.

However, a student can be removed from probation if the student achieves a semester GPA of 2.0 or higher.

Pick said there is a three-strike rule in place in this proposal. The process can only happen three times before ejection from the university.

"Otherwise, a student could alternate semesters between being on and off probation," Pick said.

The faculty senate members at Purdue's regional campuses are currently considering the revised proposal.

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PUC becomes Pepsi campus

Rebecca Rossi
New Editor

PUC has entered into an agreement with Pepsi, giving them exclusive pouring and marketing rights on campus and during university events.

PUC's agreement means more Pepsi products will soon be offered on campus, and only Pepsi products can be served at campus events.

"Among the terms of our agreement, Pepsi has exclusive pouring and marketing rights on campus and at other Purdue Calumet events. So, no, Coke and soft drink products of other providers will not be served at Purdue Calumet activities," said Wes Lukoshus, assistant vice chancellor for advancement.

Details on how much money Pepsi and other corporate sponsors are giving to PUC will be provided during the Dowling Park Groundbreaking and Reception on Dec. 9.

Pepsi has served samples of Rockstar energy drink, Muscle Milk and other beverages during events such as convocation and the Late Night Madness basketball event.

"Pepsi will continue to provide giveaway and promotions in the cafeteria and at various other special and sporting events on campus," Lukoshus said.

Familiar products from Pepsi include Starbucks, Lipton tea, Gatorade, Propel, Sobe, Ocean Spray, Amp energy drinks, Muscle Milk, Mountain Dew, Mug Root Beer and Aquafina.

SUL first floor to remain open around the clock

Jessica Gerlich
Copy Editor

The first floor of the Student Union and Library Building will be open 24 hours a day from Monday, Dec. 2 to Saturday, Dec. 14. The building will return to normal hours Dec. 14 at 5:30 p.m.

During this time, students have to show their student ID card after 8 p.m. in order to access the building. Outtakes will be open from 8 p.m. to midnight Dec. 2 to Dec. 13 to offer food options to late-night studying students.

"There will be normal security measures during regular hours of SUL and heightened visibility in and around SUL by University Police during the extended, overnight hours that SUL will be open," said Wes Lukoshus, assistant vice chancellor for advancement.

Additional computers will be brought into the building for students to use, said Lukoshus.

Though the purpose is to allow students a place to study for finals, students will be able to use the ping-pong tables, piano and other non-academic facilities on the first floor.

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Starting a club on campus: the basics

Philip Arteaga

Chronicle Correspondent

Leticia Toma, student activities coordinator, said establishing a club is a simple process.

Three student members and a faculty or staff adviser are needed to start the club forming process, according to Toma.

Student Activities provides money to new organizations as long as they do not exclude any student from participation. They

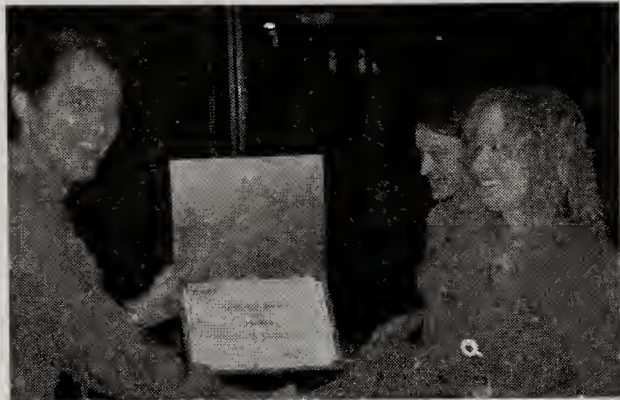


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Nikko Elliott, senior finance and accounting major, presents an award to the guest speaker, Pamela Hendrick, corporate accounting supervisor of Community Foundation of Northwest, IN Incorporated, at the last Financing and Accounting Club meeting.

also provide some reimbursements for some expenses incurred throughout the life of the club.

Students who decide to start an organization must attend two training seminars. Those seminars teach them how to deal with event scheduling and club accounts. Data sheets and authorization forms needed for club establishment can be found online or in the student activities office on the first floor of the Student Union and Library building.

Toma said the hardest part of starting a club is coming up with a name.

"It has to be descriptive and neat. Being part of an organization will enrich your experience and making you more successful on campus and meet a lot of people who share your common interests," Toma said.

Nicholas Wright-Hart, vice president of the Purdue Calumet Democrats, is frustrated with some of Student Activities' policies and procedures for clubs.

"Student Activities could not really give me a reason why I could not have my event, but it is super easy to start one, just a lot of responsibilities come with starting an organization. The training sessions are semi informative because they tell you how to run your organizations and how to do the little tedious things they require," said Wright-Hart, who is also president of the Chemistry and Physics Club.

Carlos Herrera, the officer for the new the organization Theta Tau, said that starting a new club was easy.

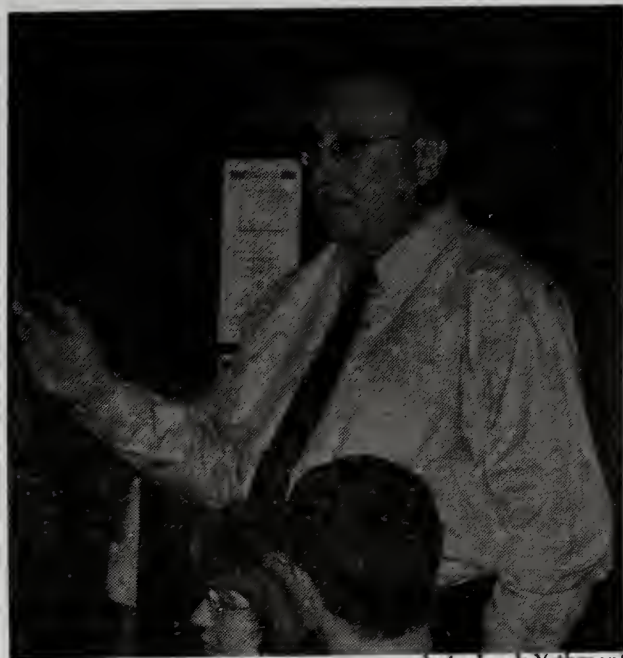


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Professor Ed Furticella, Finance and Accounting Club adviser, offers his opinion at the last Finance and Accounting Club meeting of the semester.

"Student Activities has been very helpful. Whenever we have a question they are very friendly and very helpful. They want to see your organization succeed as much as you do," said Herrera, a mechanical engineering major, said.

The Purdue Vocal Company prepares for holiday show

Jeff Scott

Arts & Leisure Editor

The Purdue Vocal Company performs for the public several times each year. The group is currently preparing for a program of Christmas music.

The holiday concert will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8 in YJean Chambers Hall, located on the third floor of the Student Union and Library building.

According to company director Patricia Hales, in addition to the annual holiday concert, the company also sings at senior citizen homes, at the chancellor's holiday reception and at all of the PUC graduation events.

At this year's holiday event, traditional songs such as "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "White Christmas" will be featured, along with several lesser known songs. The show will also continue to include narrators in the proceedings. The narrators will discuss the history of the traditional songs and why they were written, Hales said. "This year's narrators will include Professor William Robinson from the communication department and Barbara Henning, a culinary instructor from the hospitality and tourism management department."

Junior Stephanie Panchisin, hospitality and tourism management major, is a vocalist in the company, and has been singing with the group for more than two years. She is also the club's president. She said that the narration has been well received by the public in the past few years and that sometimes

the audience becomes moved by these stories. She cited as an example last year's performance of "I'll Be Home for Christmas," which included a story from the narrators about how the song was written for soldiers who could not come home for the holidays, which rings true for some listeners even today.

Panchisin also said that the show will include a segment in which the company will be singing carols in different languages. "Silent Night" will be performed as a round, with one part in German, one in Spanish and one in Korean.

Panchisin found this portion of the show to be the most difficult to prepare for.

"It is really hard to get the song down when you don't know the language you are speaking,"

Panchisin said. "You can keep practicing them, but when you are trying to sing along at the same time, it is really hard to learn the notes and the words at the same time."

She personally found it easier to practice by humming the melody, so she can learn the notes of the song first and focus on the words later.

Hales said the company, which was founded in 2004, currently has about 16 members.

"We are small, but mighty," she said.

According to Hales, auditions are held every semester, shortly after school starts.

A background in music is not required, although many students who audition have sung in choirs before. A table with sign-up sheets is usually available during the convocation



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Patricia Hales, director of the Purdue Vocal Company

in the fall semester and in the Student Union and Library building concourse in the spring.

During the audition, a singer will be asked to perform the "Star Spangled Banner" both alone and with the three other people. The entire company votes to decide who will join the organization. Rehearsals are usually held in YJean Chambers Hall on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:30 to 5.

Some company members cannot attend both rehearsals, so Hales often suggests they come to one or the other, to better accommodate student schedules.

First Friday Wordsmiths offer advice for student writers

Jeff Scott

Arts & Leisure Editor

The First Friday Wordsmiths organization at PUC aims to help students who are passionate about creative writing, with the ultimate goal of assisting in publishing students' work.

Senior Julie Larson, club president and English literature major, said that the club encourages all forms of creative writing, including poetry, short stories, nonfiction narratives and song lyrics. During the club's meetings, writers bring in work they would like to share with others. Each writer reads a piece aloud, and club members give advice about what does and does not work, with the intent of preparing the work to be sent to a publisher.

"We are trying to start a community," Larson said. "Not just here on campus, but also going into the greater community. Publishing is a huge goal for each and every one of us."

Junior Kayla Greenwell, a double major in English writing and literature, is vice president of the club. Greenwell said that the club

brings in people with experience in writing and publishing to help with novice writers.

"We try to do workshops and little lessons sometimes for people who don't necessarily know how to do these things," Greenwell said.

Larson said that Northwest Indiana is just starting to blossom with the literary arts. She has found that the area already has an active theater and visual arts community, and that she is striving to use First Friday Wordsmiths as way to strengthen the literary community.

The club meets on the first Friday of every month from 4-6 p.m. in the Writing Center, located in the Classroom Office building, room 263. The club is open to all majors.

Greenwell said that the club also reaches out to the local community. Every year the Wordsmiths work together with Books, Brushes and Bands, a local organization devoted to teaching the creative arts to children, to present the Poetry Pantry. The event is a half-day set of workshops that encourages kids from kindergarten through 12th grade to write poetry, usually about a social issue such as hunger.

Past topics at the event have included bullying, racism and violence. Participants bring nonperishable food donations for the Northwest Family Services food pantry.

The next Poetry Pantry will take place Feb. 22, 2014, on the third floor of the Student Union and Library building. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Bethany Lee, an English instructor at Purdue University North Central, is scheduled to attend as a guest speaker.

Larson said that every summer the club holds a writer's retreat, which takes place on a 170-acre farm in Michigan, which is owned by her and her husband. The event includes writing workshops and visits from published writers who come to speak to the guests.

Greenwell said that Larson's retreat proves to be worth attending.

"For people who are serious about creative writing, it is a wonderful experience, because you have time to write, and you are surrounded by other writers," Greenwell said.

As for the future, Larson said she and her husband are planning to open a bookstore next year.

Parents of PUC

PUC students struggle to balance parenthood, full workloads

Jacob Yothment
Office Coordinator

The everyday trials of being a college student can prove to be too much to handle on occasion. However, students such as Susy Diaz, senior nursing major, must face these hurdles while caring for their children.

"Becoming a young mom was a blessing in disguise," Diaz said. "I feel bad now for the people that don't have the daily joys of being a parent."

Having a child while trying to take 14 credit hours has affected Diaz's academic life.

"It motivates me all the more to do better because his future is at stake," Diaz said. "My future is his future. You also have to work your studying around their schedule."

Diaz works two jobs and lives on student loans in order to support herself and her son. While she works and attends class, her 4-year-old son's grandfather and Diaz's mother watch him.

Less than a year ago, Barry Lyons, senior psychology major, and his girlfriend welcomed a baby girl, Aniyah, into their lives.

"Being a parent to me is a combination of real life aspects of life," Lyons said. "It's stressful yet can be very rewarding. At times you laugh. At times you cry, and your child not only learns, but you as a parent learn and grow with your child."

Lyons works on campus and part-time at GameStop to support his family.

"Having a child has changed my entire pattern of thinking because I'm no longer making choices for me, but I am responsible for the safety, well-being and upbringing of another life and any decisions I make affect her in some way," Lyons said.

Sandra Dennison, senior nursing major, has a 4-year-old son. She and her husband both work to provide for their family.

Along with her job, Dennison has a full-time class schedule.

"I have always been independent, dedicated and driven to succeed," Dennison said.

"Having a child only intensified those things."

The Charlotte R. Riley Child Center, located at PUC, provides preschool, kindergarten, child care services and summer programs for PUC student parents. The center's staff currently cares for 13 student families and approximately 44 children.

"The child center was first established in 1979 after several students and faculty in behavioral sciences saw a need for child care on campus," said Tamra Bottomlee, director of the center.

According to Bottomlee, the child center's teaching staff and behavioral sciences practicum students work together to offer children a

variety of experiences in all curriculum areas including math, science, language arts, social studies and creative arts along with trying to maintain a safe, healthy and nurturing environment for children in their care.

The price for childcare at the center varies depending on the child's

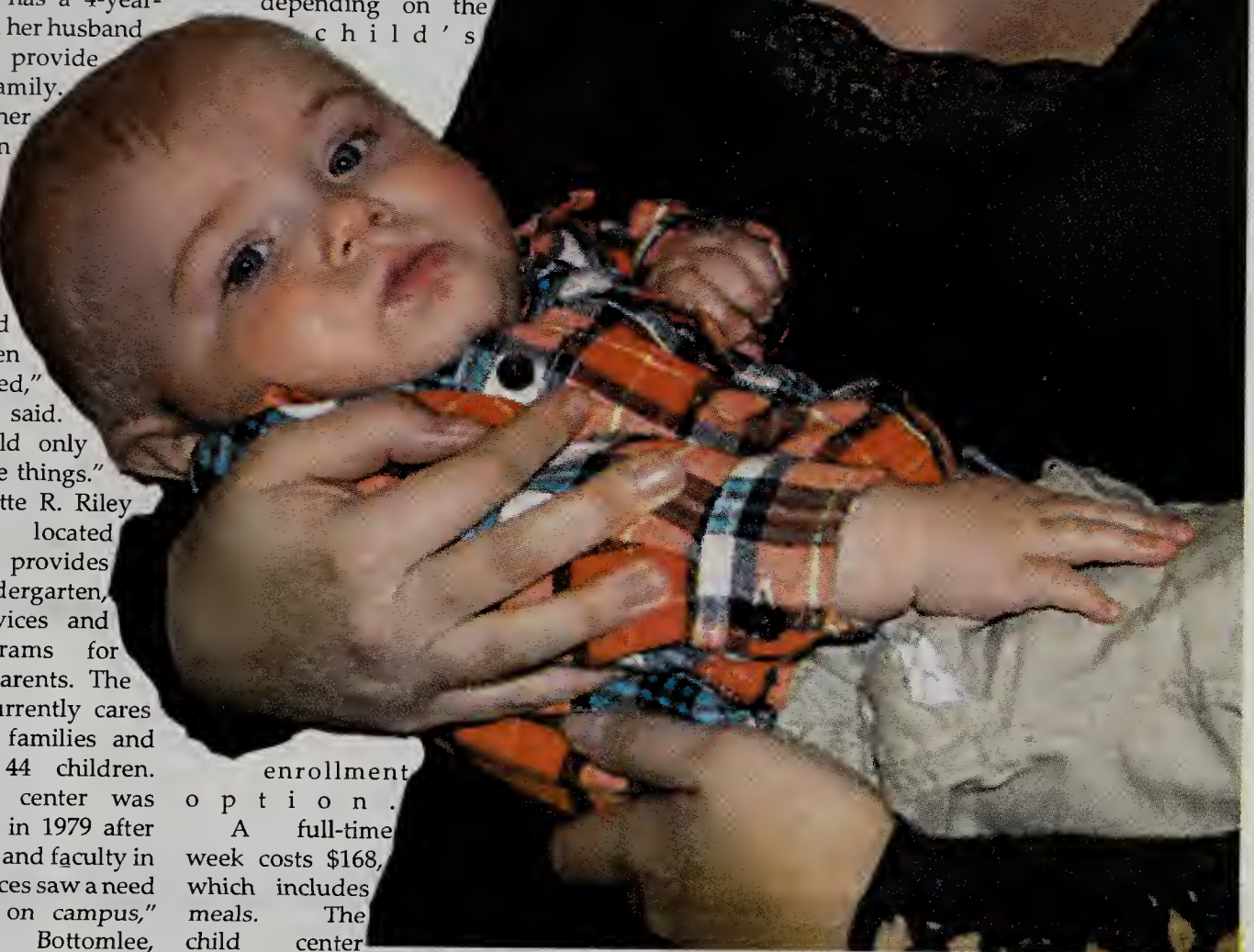


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enrollment option.

A full-time week costs \$168, which includes meals. The child center

also accepts the State of Indiana Voucher Assistance of Child Care and the City of Hammond Child Care Assistance Program.

Diaz, Lyons and Dennings do not use the child center. Family members or their children's other parent watch their children while they attend school or work.

For Lyons, having a child at his young age has affected some of the aspects of his social life.

"It's not out of mere obligation as a father that I sacrifice my time being social friends," Lyons said. "I'd just really prefer spending as much time with Aniyah as possible."

Diaz's son has also impacted her social life, but she still strives to maintain one.

"They become your social life," Diaz said. "Going out frequently is less appealing when they're waiting at home for you to cuddle with, but

I do believe it's healthy to maintain some form of social life outside of your children."

Dennings manages her time in order to maintain some sort of social life for her and her husband.

"Other people would believe that having a child at such a young age a burden, but I see it as a blessing because it has kept me grounded and focused on my goals," Dennings said.

History of the Charlotte R. Riley Child Center

- A need for an observational classroom for the care and education of children for students enrolled in human services and psychology was needed, thus the center was established in 1979.
- Growing enrollment led to the center being moved from Gyte to Porter in 1979.
- The building moved to the current location in 1987 and received its new name.
- In 2004, services expanded to include full-day kindergarten.

source: Tamra Bottomlee, director of the center



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With child in hand, Alison Cook, senior nursing major, works with her fellow nursing group majors in a student research project.

For her five years of outstanding work for The PUC Chronicle, the staff of The Chronicle recognizes and thanks Morgan Walker, and wishes her the best of luck.



Men's basketball continues winning streak

David Bork
Chronicle Correspondent

The men's basketball team has come off four games with all wins and now is on a six-game winning streak, not counting a loss in exhibition. Since Nov. 8, the team improved from a 3-1 to a 7-1 record.

The team had a victory over Illinois Institute of Technology 111-52 on Nov. 15. Eight players for the Peregrines scored at least 10 points. Junior

Daniel McGee led the way for the Peregrines with 20 points.

"I felt like we had a great team effort to put us in position to win," McGee said.

A huge part of the Peregrines' success versus the hosting Scarlet Hawks was that they had 67 points right off the bench. The Peregrines started the game strong and started on a 19-2 run.

The Peregrines led the Scarlet Hawks on the inside

and were ahead 52-27 at halftime. The Peregrines held Illinois Tech to 25 points in the second half.

The Peregrines shot 58 percent for the night. They forced 32 turnovers.

PUC defeated Indiana University Kokomo's Cougars 92-64 on Nov. 18. Junior

Kaspars Brencans led the early charge for the Peregrines with 13 points in the first 10 minutes of the game. The team was up 9 at halftime.

PUC held Indiana Kokomo to 21 percent shooting in the first half. Brencans led the Peregrines with 21 points.

"Scoring isn't the thing that brings emotions and feelings to me. What matters is what is actually on the scoreboard showing the overall team result," Brencans said. "I have a great feeling about the team. We are coming together very well, and if every single one of us can bring A+ effort, good things will happen to us."

PUC lost an exhibition match 106-72 to Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne on Nov. 20.

PUC only began its Nov. 23 home game against Olivet Nazarene University with a 5-point lead at the break. In contrast, PUC came out strong in the second half and defeated Olivet by 86-63. PUC shot the ball at 59 percent, the best it had done this season.

Brencans would lead the charge for the Peregrines for the second straight game with 21 points.

"I don't want to stop at five. We are capable to extend this streak if we play our best game every night – simple as that," Brencans said about the winning streak after the Nov. 23 game.

PUC won its first conference game 76-73 against the University of St. Francis on Nov. 30.

Upcoming games will be at Olivet Nazarene University on Dec. 3, at Holy Cross College on Dec. 14, at Calumet College of Saint Joseph on Dec. 19, at home against Kalamazoo College on Dec. 21 and at the University of Michigan Dearborn on Dec. 29.



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Kaspars Brencans, junior, goes in for a shot.

Athletes balance school, sports with help of university

Juan Carrasquillo
Chronicle Correspondent

Student athletes face the challenge of balancing school and a team commitment during each sport season. PUC has continued to provide different outlets to ensure that the student athletes fulfill both requirements.

According to the Purdue Calumet Athletics 2013 Spring Academic Report, athletes have had four consecutive semesters with an average GPA more than 3.0.

This spring, six student athletes had a 4.0 GPA. The report states that PUC in the semester had a school record of seven teams with a 3.0 GPA or higher.

Rick Costello, director of athletics, said the Academic Excellence Center in the FRC Building was established this fall to provide a facility where student athletes could study.

"This is a place where students can work on academic projects and access computers so we can reach our goal of academic excellence. They are students first and athletes second," Costello said.

Bradley Staszewski, a business economics major in his freshman year, said he has become accustomed to balancing schoolwork and sports to be eligible to play baseball. He said he understands that schoolwork is a top priority, even when he is part of a sports team.

Staszewski said he uses the center as a place to study and find tutors. Although he has studied with teammates and friends, he prefers to find a tutor or someone he does not know. He said that studying with someone he does not have a relationship or friendship with ensures he will focus on the task at hand and not feel distracted.

"It's easier for me to do all my work at school or in the center because I don't live on campus," Staszewski said.

Staszewski said that his coach, Dave Griffin, wants the team to study in the Academic Excellence Center a minimum of four hours a week. Players have to sign in at the center in a logbook to let the coach know that they are studying the agreed number of hours.

Daniel "Danny" Hamilton, a freshman mathematics major, also plays for the baseball team. Hamilton said he likes to come to the center to keep away from distractions.

Both Staszewski and Hamilton said they are concerned about what will happen with their academics because of the scheduling of practices and games during the week, since they have not yet played a regular season for PUC's new baseball team. Staszewski said it might take

a few years before scheduling problems are resolved for student athletes because he understands that he may have to miss classes or games.

"The teachers are new to this baseball program as well as the students," Staszewski said.

Hamilton said he wonders what sacrifices he may have to make to balance commitments.

"Some students may have to establish a relationship with teachers in order to miss class because of a sport," Hamilton said.

Roddy Richardson, a public relations major in his fourth school year, plays for the basketball team.

Richardson said he has always known that being a student athlete was going to be hard because of many commitments. He said he knows some instructors are more considerate than others when it comes to having to miss class.

"In December, I will have to miss two classes for games, and next semester I will have to miss an important class for my major three times. So I have to make sure the professor will allow that," Richardson said.

Richardson said that Dan Voudrie, his coach, requires his players to spend three hours a week in the Academic Excellence Center if they have at least a 3.0 GPA and five hours a week if they have below a 3.0 GPA. Richardson only has to sign for three hours a week.

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PUC plans groundbreaking for first phase of new sports complex

Richard Chambers,
Sports Editor

PUC will officially break ground at 2 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 9, for the construction of a sports complex at Dowling Park.

When finished, the complex will include a soccer field on the far west side, nine tennis courts directly to the north of the Jean Shepherd Community Center and baseball and softball fields in between, on the north and south sides, respectively.

Athletics Director Rick Costello said the current estimate projects the soccer, baseball and softball venues to be substantially finished by summer and usable during the soccer training camp ahead of the fall seasons. He did

not have a projected time for the completion of the tennis courts, comprising a second phase.

Costello said the seating is not determined but will probably accommodate around 200 to 400 people.

The Jean Shepherd Community Center is at 3031 J. F. Mahoney Drive about a mile from the Fitness and Recreation Center. A driver can take 173rd Street east to Kennedy Avenue, take Kennedy to 174th Street and turn on J. F. Mahoney Drive, which begins alongside Kennedy.

Chancellor Thomas Keon said the sports complex will provide PUC the best athletic facilities in Northwest Indiana. He said PUC's relationship with Hammond, which owns the park property and is assisting the project, is important for the university's future in the city.



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Shooting for conference

Basketball teams aim to use size and speed to advantage

Richard Chambers
Sports Editor

PUC enters December at 6-2 in women's basketball and a 7-1 ratio in men's basketball. The women's record is the fourth best win-loss ratio in women's basketball in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference. The men's record is tied with Cardinal Stritch University and Roosevelt University to lead the conference.

Tom Megyesi, head coach for the women's team, said the non-conference games are preparing the team for the conference. The first conference game is at home against the University of South Bend on Friday, Dec. 6.

Megyesi said the current team's advantages are speed and having a variety of players who can score at any time. Several players at a time can even execute 3-point shots.

"I like that as a balanced attack, so it is difficult for them to decide to take one person out of the game – or try to guard them specifically," Megyesi said.

Megyesi said the team's disadvantage is height. Senior Madison Gervais and sophomore Patrice McBee are the only returning players at 5 feet 10 inches or above.

Megyesi said the team needs to work on consistent rebounding, and the height disadvantage makes rebounding especially important.

Before the exhibition game with the University of Indianapolis on Nov. 23, Megyesi said the game would be a test of how his team manages height and rebounding. The opponents included no players shorter than 5 feet 7 inches.

PUC defeated Indianapolis 87-80.

Gervais, who plays forward, said the team members do what is best for the team, not for personal statistics. She said the team is doing well finding the free-throw line and sharing the ball.

"I feel we do a good job of making sure everyone knows what is going on," Gervais said about communication among the team members.

The women's basketball team defeated Ashford University 54-47 on Nov. 30.

Dan Voudrie, head coach of the men's team, said he believes PUC can defeat the top teams in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference if PUC continues to improve as much as it should. Those teams are Cardinal Stritch



photo: Adam Arnold
Brooklyn Short, senior, dribbles down the court.

University, Robert Morris University and St. Xavier University.

Voudrie said PUC is fortunate that it only has to play the strongest teams once per semester because they are all in the North Division. He would like to consider PUC among the top three teams in the CCAC's South Division. The other two are Olivet Nazarene University and the University of St. Francis. Voudrie said his team now

has the advantage of size. Last year, the team relied on speed and many skilled guards. Now the team can use tall players as post men for inside scoring in a traditional basketball style, Voudrie said.

"We certainly feel that, within our conference, that – that the type of team we have this year will be able to be very successful and will be able to position us to be one of the best teams in the conference – certainly one of the best

teams in the South Division," Voudrie said.

Dioscar Gomez, forward, said the men's team still needs to improve its communication. It needs every member to play as hard as possible.

"I can definitely see us being one of the top teams in the conference," Gomez said.

Roddy Richardson, guard, said the team needs to work on rebounding and lowering its margin of errors against opponents.

Basketball's Dariyelle Ricks readies for new beginning

David Bork
Chronicle Correspondent

Dariyelle Ricks, a freshman at PUC, is ready for a new beginning on the women's basketball team after playing for East Chicago Central High School for four years and earning a letter in the sport.

"Hard work pays off" are the words that Ricks lives by on the court and in the classroom. Ricks is pleased to have the opportunity to continue to play basketball after high school.

"It's another level of basketball, and it is much more challenging than high school. Coach pushes us harder in practice," Ricks said.

Ricks was one of three freshmen whom head coach Tom Megyesi recruited to join his basketball team. Ricks plays guard, which she has played for as long as she has played basketball.

Ricks said her father, Charles Ricks, and her high school coach, Vanessa Hernandez-Orange, helped her succeed in basketball. Dariyelle Ricks said she would have never come this far if not for them.

Ricks has not played basketball for her whole life. She was influenced by her father Charles Ricks.

"She was interested in it in the fifth grade; I was backing up her decision. I helped her (know) how to play the game, and she never looked back," Charles Ricks said.

Hernandez-Orange said that, after Ricks played for East Chicago Central for four years, the two remain good friends.

"Her work ethic made her the basketball player she is. She always works hard and gives it her all at all times," Hernandez-Orange said. She said Ricks still helps the team and checks up on her.

"Dariyelle will become successful in her life by worrying about herself. She tends to try to please other people. If she sticks to her goals, the sky is the limit. She was raised right by her parents, and she has a good head on her shoulders. And she will be successful in anything she puts her mind to," Hernandez-Orange said.

Ricks used to play other sports as well. She played Little League Baseball until fifth grade. She

played volleyball in high school but knew basketball would be her passion after high school.

Ricks had the choice in middle and high school between continuing in softball and playing basketball. She decided to play basketball and said she will never regret it.

Ricks' highlight of high school was winning the sectional championship.

"I played with some great players," Ricks said.

Ricks hopes to help the Peregrines continue the success the team has had the last two years. In 2012-2013, PUC went to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Tournament, going 21-10. PUC went 23-10 in 2011-2012.

Ricks is majoring at PUC in pre-physical therapy.

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PUC teams focus on hometown

Jacob Yothment
Office Coordinator

The baseball team and the men's basketball team will be participating in community outreach in the Hammond area during winter break.

Although the basketball team does its primary community outreach events during the fall and spring, the team will be participating in Children's Hunger Fund Day, in conjunction with NIPSCO Kids Day, on Dec. 21 and will host the Holiday Hoop Jam from Jan. 2 to Jan. 3.

"We went as a team to the Children's Hunger Fund Day back in October," coach Daniel Voudrie said. "This is an international relief organization that

has a warehouse in Homewood, Ill., where we helped with preparing food packs that are distributed to families in need."

The baseball team will participate in a reading program with Maywood Elementary School throughout the winter. The players will read to students.

"The baseball team is in its first year as a program. That being said, we like our players to give back to the community," coach David Griffin said. "The team has a responsibility to give back to the people of Hammond and to strive to make Hammond a place worthy of their representation."

The basketball team tries to participate in at least one community event per year.

The team typically does two or three, including an R-Dub Club with Hammond elementary schools, Voudrie said.

"It is a great opportunity and reminder for our team to realize how blessed we are to do what we do as members of the Purdue University Calumet Men's Basketball Team," Voudrie said.

From Nov. 18 to 25, the baseball team worked in the Hammond Food Pantry.

"Doing community service teaches those that are fortunate to take nothing for granted, and be appreciative for what they are given," Griffin said.

Women's softball coach Heather Tarter plans community outreach in the spring.

Flag in hand

Flag Bandits defeat titleholders in overtime

Richard Chambers
Sports Editor

The Flag Bandits won 70-63 against the Monstars, 2012 champion team, at Flag Bowl XIII on Nov. 20. The match tied for the highest-scoring championship in PUC's 13 seasons of intramural flag football.

The Monstars continued from last year's success to reach 2013's final game with a season record of 5-1. The Flag Bandits brought its own 5-1 record to the match.

Nolan Mancera, political science senior and member of the Flag Bandits, said the fact that the Monstars had never played against his team was both an advantage and a disadvantage.

Mancera said his team used the strategy that it always uses. It focused all energy on offense at the expense of defense because the members think the strategy works well in flag football.

The score was only 7-7 after the first five minutes. Next, the Monstars, playing off an interception, scored a second time about seven minutes into the game.

Both teams scored again before the first 10-minute half finished. The Monstars came close to increasing

its lead when the team caught another interception with three seconds remaining in the half, but the team did not reach the end zone in time.

The Monstars scored again within the first 15 seconds of the second half and stopped the Flag Bandits from answering for two minutes. Each team then scored four times in a combined four minutes, bringing the score quickly to 56-42.

The teams traded scores once more in the next two and a half minutes, leaving the Monstars with a 14-point advantage with not much more than one minute left on the clock.

The Flag Bandits then scored at the -0:42 mark and again at -0:08. The tied score forced the game into overtime. The Flag Bandits' catch from a long throw won the game 70-63.

Mancera said another advantage for his team is that all the players have been friends since middle school and communicate well. He especially pointed to the communication between him and his brother Colin Mancera.

Albert Wortham, junior in computer graphics technology and member of the Monstars, said his team should have had a tighter defense but also missed opportunities to catch more interceptions.



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The Flag Bandits include (from left to right) Nolan Mancera, Cory Scheub, Tim Tellas, Colin Mancera and Matt Radencic.

Basketball's Brooklyn Short wants to finish strong

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Brooklyn Short's basketball journey started when she was 9 years old. She would always watch her brother Steffan play against his friends. Eventually, when she figured out the rules of the game, she decided to try it.

Her brother taught her some moves, and she enjoyed the games they would have. Competition is something she especially enjoys. The love of the game transitioned to her playing in college.

Short is now a point guard in her third year on PUC's women's basketball team and a senior.

"Brooklyn is a great kid and does everything for us, the school, community and her peers," assistant coach Stephanie Beck said.

Short said the hardest things about being a point guard are controlling the ball and keeping the team together.

"Without those important key essentials, everything would fall apart. Also, a lot of responsibility and leadership helps the team stay focused," Short said. "Brooklyn is an outstanding

lady who is a team leader this year," head coach Tom Megyesi said.

Short looks forward to finishing strong and successful and to making memories in this coming season.

"It would be nice to consider being a professional player but it's difficult with my career choice," Short said.

Short looks up to her brother Steffan, who is two years older. They have a bond because of their strong trust and competitiveness.

Short plans to earn a degree in mathematics and a minor in business. She would like to do secondary education and banking and finance. She hopes to work close to home in Wabash.

She is excited about graduating. She is ready to start a new chapter in her life. Short sees herself in 10 years settling down, teaching and coaching.

"Teaching others the game I love would help inspire others to do the same," Short said.

In her free time, Short dances to Beyonce and whatever top hits are out and hangs out with teammates and roommates. What helps her before a game is reading articles about playing with the heart,

being a good point guard and praying, meditating and focusing during the game.

"Friends, family, sports and doing what I can to help others are what I'm mostly passionate about; I have a people-first attitude," Short said.

Short balances school and her personal life by putting school first and having a dorm room with her teammates. Short is president for the board of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee. Short has won four awards from the conference and the national association. These awards were important to her because of the hard work, time and effort that she puts into her game.

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Administration prepares for affiliation with larger institutions than CCAC

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PUC's administration plans to apply to the National Collegiate Athletic Association for acceptance into its Division II, but PUC must first find a conference that will accept the university. PUC currently belongs to the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Chancellor Thomas Keon said the Great Lakes Valley Conference is the only NCAA conference that is being considered at this time. PUC is at an early stage of discussions with the conference, whose members include institutions in Missouri, Wisconsin, Illinois, Kentucky and Indiana.

Keon said NCAA status would help PUC attract more highly qualified students because the designation helps students to infer the university's size and prestige when trying to find the right school.

Both Keon and Athletics Director Rick Costello said PUC probably will not be ready to apply in 2014. An institution can apply to the NCAA by Feb. 1 of any academic year for consideration the following summer. The institution would then enter a two-year candidacy.

Keon said the administration currently faces the challenge of making a conference want to have PUC as a member. Conferences might not want a

school which does not have a history of maintaining a variety of sports programs, and PUC has only since 2010 inaugurated or restarted 10 of its 12 sports teams.

Division II of the NCAA requires each member institution to have at least 10 teams.

"I'm an optimist, so I think it's not a matter of 'will they take us' but 'when they take us,'" Keon said.

PUC is currently in the CCAC with smaller, privately owned schools. According to fall 2011 data from the National Center for Education Statistics, the CCAC's 14 members have an average enrollment of about 4,200 compared to PUC's enrollment of more than 9,000. Members of the Great Lakes Valley Conference have average enrollments of about 5,300.

Costello said playing games against schools about the same size would help PUC brand itself in their category.

"Right now, it's an aspiration - (to) take a look and to see if this is something that would have the students' and the faculty's support," Costello said.

Costello said the athletics facilities should be at the quality of those in the NCAA Division II. The new complex at Dowling Park will improve PUC's facilities.

PUC's teams currently do not have to travel far. Most away games are within an hour's drive, and the most distant member is Cardinal Stritch University

in Milwaukee. The Great Lakes Valley Conference would include events for its East Division alone at Bellarmine University in Louisville, Ky., and at the University of Southern Indiana in Evansville.

Costello said he wants a schedule for games on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays to continue to allow students to miss class as seldom as possible.

Heather Tarter, head coach of PUC's softball, said she is working under the assumption that PUC will join the NCAA. She said to expect more promotion of the idea in the spring.

Tarter said recruits are aware of PUC's aspiration, but she expects recruiting to increase once PUC is in the association.

Tarter said some away games in the Great Lakes Valley Conference would be during the week, because some institutions are close enough. All series would be on weekends.

Shelbie Jones, pitcher for softball, transferred to PUC from Marian University in Indianapolis. She said that its games for the Crossroads League, an NAIA conference, were usually an hour and a half away and sometimes farther.

Marian chartered buses for its athletes for all away games during the regular season. They could study with books and computers on trays by their seats, and the athletes could access Wi-Fi.

Jones said PUC would need offerings like that if it moved to the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

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